Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Karupadanna and Triprayar roads.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is not this Thevar road the only road running through Ettumuna?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is only a foot path and goes to Ettumuna through fields.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know whether there is any cartable road in Ettumuna ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is a cartable road within half a mile of Ettumuna.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know how many houses are there in Ettumuna ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Annual drought to the Puncha cultivation in the Muriyad Kayal in Mukundapuram Taluk.

212. Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether they are aware of the annual drought to the Puncha cultivation in the Muriyad Kayal in Mukundapuram Taluk ;

(2) whether they can give the area affected by drought this year, and also the approximate loss to the cultivators due to the destruction of crop ;

(3) whether they had received petitions from the cultivators for remission of assessment ;

(4) whether they have done anything in the matter; and if so, what ;

(5) whether they have any scheme in contemplation for preventing the annual drought;

(6) if the answer to question (5) is in the affirmative, what steps they have taken in furtherance of that scheme ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.— (1) Occasionally there is a diminution in the quantity of water stored in the chiras, especially when the north-east monsoon rains are not adequate.

(2) No area was seriously affected. It was reported that in some places the yield was slightly affected this year.

(3) Yes.

(4) No remission has been granted because there has been no widespread calamity or distress to justify remission.

(5) and (6). Yes. The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—(5) and (6). May I know what is the scheme under consideration ?

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Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I cannot give exact details. We had some comprehensive proposals sent by the people and the Panchayat Registrar and all those papers have been forwarded to the Chief Engineer for careful investigation and report.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Any definite scheme formulated ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have now prepared an estimate for 9 thousand rupees for deepening and improving some of the chals in the locality. That estimate is being now scrutinised in my office and I shall be submitting it to the Government very soon.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether the Chief Engineer has visited the locality in this connection ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Many times.

Aqueduct in the Aloor Village.

213. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether they have not received a petition dated 27th Meenam 1107 requesting the putting up of a permanent aqueduct and the extension of the canal further southwards ;

(2) was not the first aqueduct put up washed away by the succeeding flood ;

(3) what did the first aqueduct cost the Government ;

(4) what was the cost of the repair or renewal if it has been effected after the washing away of the first ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The posts supporting trough were damaged during the abnormal floods of 1106.

(3) The cost of the whole work including land acquisition, channels, etc., was Rs. 2,149—1—0. Of this, the amount spent for the posts which were damaged was Rs. 455.

(4) The old trough was used with temporary bamboo supports at a cost of Rs. 144.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Has the Government any proposal to so construct the aqueduct as to avoid injury by floods ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—At present the ayacut served by this aqueduct is about 100 acres. There is a proposal to extend this. If this is done I shall be proposing to Government to make a permanent structure.

Thammanapattu chira (Survey No. 354, Mundathikode Village).

214. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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